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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO A HONG KONG JAPANESE CONGENOFF, THE MAIN POINT OF DEADLOCK IN THE RECENTLY ADJOURNED SINO-JAPANESE FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WAS A PRC-PROPOSED LIMIT ON HORSEPOWER OF JAPANESE FISHING BOATS OPERATING WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE CHINESE COAST. END SUMMARY

1. A HONG KONG JAPANESE CONGENOFF HAS INFORMED THE CONGEN THAT THE MAIN POINT OF ISSUE IN THE RECENTLY BROKEN-OFF SINO-JAPANESE FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WAS THE QUESTION OF MOTOR SIZE ON JAPANESE FISHING BOATS OPERATING WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE CHINESE COAST. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE

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MILES OF THE CHINESE COAST. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE

CONGENOFF, WHO MET WITH THE JAPANESE FISHERY DELEGATION WHEN IT CAME THROUGH HONG KONG JUNE 22 ON ITS RETURN TO JAPAN, THE PRC PROPOSED THE CREATION OF TWO ZONES, APPROXIMATELY EQUAL IN SIZE. THE OUTER-LIMIT OF THE ZONES WOULD BE A LINE 200 MILES OFF THE COAST AND THE INNER LIMIT WOULD BE A TRAWLING EMBARGO LINE WHICH, ON A MAP SHOWN BY THE JAPANESE CONGENOFF, APPEARED TO BE ROUGHLY ONE DEGREE OF LATITUDE OFF THE CHINESE COAST. OUTSIDE OF THE TRAWLING EMBARGO LINE, IN THE ZONE CLOSER TO THE CHINESE SHORE, ONLY JAPANESE FISHING BOATS OF LESS THAN 450 HP WOULD BE ALLOWED, WHILE IN THE OUTER ZONE , UP TO THE 200 MILE LIMIT, ONLY BOATS OF LESS THAN 600 HP WOULD BE PERMITTED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE CONGGENOFF , THE EFFECT OF THE PRC - PROPOSED HORSEPOWER LIMITS WOULD BE TO PREVENT ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF JAPANESE FISHING BOATS FROM ENTERING THE 200 MILE ZONAL AREA. HE SAID THAT IN JUSTIFICATION OF THE ZONAL CONFIGURATION, THE PRC DELEGATION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DEPLETION OF FISH RESOURCES, BUT WHEN THE JAPANESE DELEGATION REQUEST STATISTICAL VERIFICATION OF THIS, THE PRC WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY.

3. THE JAPANESE CONGENOFF STATED THAT NEW FISHERY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LIKELY RESUME LATER THIS YEAR. HE ASKED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION ABOUT HORSEPOWER LIMITATIONS BE TREATED AS SENSITIVE.
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